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SENATOR CUDABACK: It is. You opened, and you spoke, and you're speaking again.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you. Are there any other lights on?

SENATOR CUDABACK: There are.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay. Let me make some comments. Senator Bourne, you could say whatever you want and it won't hurt my feelings, and you haven't hurt my feelings today, not a problem. You don't have to defend yourself or anything you do, but I'll tell you this; that I would imagine that there's going to be a lot of our constituents not happy with a lot of other things we do, and if one of them called you on the budget, I'm pretty sure you would say I'm still going to make up my mind. That's what we're asking you to do here. If you want to ask questions, ask questions. If you want...you don't seem to want to ask questions. That's fine. If you don't agree with the process, that's fine too. This is part of our process. To somehow assume that this is not doesn't make sense to me. But let me make some comments here. If you read the committee statement for LB 348, let me tell you who testified in favor of it: Stephen Andranian, American Watercraft Association, the people who make the boats testified in favor. The people who make the personal watercraft sent their representative, their lobbyist, whatever you want to call him, to the state of Nebraska to testify in favor of the bill. So you can call whoever. If this guy doesn't speak for the group, then I'm sure that he'll probably be fired, but he came and testified in favor. You have another individual in Scott Eveland, who is the law enforcement individual in Hastings that says this is a way to solve some of the problems that we see. Even the individual from the Airboat Association testified in favor of my bill, in addition to Senator Hudkins' bill. So you can go through and talk about arguments for and against. The question is this. Is this going to improve our laws, as Senator Bourne is so adamantly trying to do, or hurt them? I'd come down on the side that says this helps them. It improves them. It looks at the existing problems that we have in law and fixes them. It says to that individual that lives in Senator Bourne's district that might